

APPENDIX - CLEAN COPY OF CLAIMS AS AMENDED

7. A composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of a retinoid, choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, a tocopherol or a combination thereof, wherein at least one of said oxygen-labile species is a retinoid; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine.

17. A composition according to claim 7 comprising a retinoid and at least two oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, and a tocopherol.

18. A composition according to claim 7 wherein said composition further comprises at least one water-soluble oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, pyrodoxine, pantothenic acid, niacinamide, lipoic acid, dihydrolipoic acid, an amino acid or a combination of said water-soluble oxygen-labile species.

21. A composition according to claim 7 wherein said composition further comprises a humectant, an antioxidant other than said oxygen-labile species, a preservative, a fragrance, a surface active agent, a binder and a skin protectant agent.

19. A composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, ascorbic acid, ascorbic acid derivatives, tocopherol and tocopherol derivatives and a mixture thereof; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine

wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid, a tocopherol and an ascorbic acid.

20. A composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, ascorbic acid, ascorbic acid derivatives, tocopherol and tocopherol derivatives and a mixture thereof; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid and an ascorbic acid.

22. A composition comprising a retinoid in an amount of about 0.01 to about 10% by weight of the composition, a tocopherol in an amount of about 0.01 to about 10% by weight of the composition and an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01 to about 20% by weight of the composition N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001 to about 5% by weight of the composition.

23. A composition comprising an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01 to about 5% by weight of the composition, a retinoid in the amount of from about 0.0 to about 10% by weight of the composition and N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001 to about 0.1% by weight of the composition.

24. A composition comprising an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01 to about 5% by weight of the composition, a tocopherol in an amount of about 0.01 to about 1% by weight of the composition and retinol in an amount of about 0.01 to about 0.4% by weight of the composition and N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.01 to about 0.1% by weight of the composition.